GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4090
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ANSWERING MACHINE SERVICE
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced the answering machine service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced;

(d) the benefits likely to be accrued to the subscribers therefrom;

(e) whether the said machines are being manufactured indigenously; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): This service has already been introduced by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) in Delhi. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) is planning to introduce this service during 2002-2003.

(d) The subscriber can receive messages even when his telephone is either busy or unattended.

(e) & (f): No , Sir. The equipment of Answering machine installed by MTNL in Delhi is manufactured in U.S.A.